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## FATHER LYNCH ON THE COLONY

The Clever Priest Interviewed by  
The Star Editor

### ABOUT ST. JOSEPH'S COLONY.

Lands Good—Near Gainesville  
—A Colony of Northern  
Catholics Coming.

Father (Rev. F. J.) Lynch, Gainesville's popular Catholic priest, and shepherd over the Catholic flock in this city, returned recently from the North, where he went in the interest of a Catholic colony he is bringing to this county, was interviewed yesterday by the editor of the Star, and he said:

"St. Joseph's colony lies south east of Gainesville, about three and a half miles distant from the city. The tract owned by this company is considered to be as good as any in Alachua county. By far the larger portion of it is what is known as hammock land with a soil rich and fertile, and well adapted to the growing of staple crops and all kinds and varieties of vegetables. About two hundred and eighty acres of the tract has been under cultivation, and the remainder is heavily timbered with hard wood—hickory, live oak, bay and magnolia of great size—a fact that is ample evidence of the richness of the soil.

"It is the aim and purpose of the company to divide this tract into lots, and invite Catholic colonists to settle on them and make comfortable and independent homes for themselves and their families. No one purchaser can buy more than forty acres; and fractions of this number will be sold to those wishing smaller holdings.

"During my recent visit to the North, I found only a few of the good body of people that have a fair knowledge of the resources of our State. They were quite satisfied that it must be a charming place in which to spend the winter, because they annually noticed a large exodus of the wealthy class to the Sunny South. They also believed it was a good place for delicate people to go to escape the severe winters of the North; but few, generally speaking, knew of the benefits that would reward active and intelligent labor.

"Everywhere I visited a lively and active interest was manifested in the affairs of this colony, and in the near future we hope to see thrifty families arrive to transform this wooded land into nice farms, on which they will establish cheerful and comfortable homes."

### MATHESON THE SHOE MAN.

The Oldest Shoe and Hat Store in  
the County.

J. D. Matheson, the shoe and leather merchant, is not only the oldest in his line of any concern in the county, but is one of the most reliable to be found anywhere.

Mr. Matheson deals principally in shoes and hats, and no one who knows him has any doubts about the quality of goods bought of him. He sells no goods for a cash unless they are first-class, and if he sells a poor article the purchaser knows what he is buying.

For years the big boot sign has remained suspended in front of his place of business in the Miller block, north side of square, where almost always during business hours, Mr. Matheson's own familiar self may be found, as can also competent helpers for the carrying on of his business.

Mr. Matheson is not only an upright, honorable Christian gentleman, and one of the most widely known and most highly respected citizens in the county, but he is an old Confederate Veteran, and has won many honors for his services in the Confederate service or their descendants.

When you come to Gainesville and want a nice hat or a pair of good shoes, apply at Matheson's and you will not be deceived.

### Matrimony.

During the month of December there is usually "something doing" in County Judge Mason's office. During the first and second of the present month the genial judge not only issued five marriage licenses, but he actually joined in marriage—right in his office—five couples. Two of the grooms were two brothers—of the colored persuasion—who led to the altar two sisters at one and the same time. The judge expects the license and marriage business to be good throughout the present month.

### Barlow's Minstrels.

A large audience greeted Barlow's Minstrels at the opera house Tuesday night and all seemed pleased with the performance. Its name is its passport; nothing of the vulgar and unclean is attempted by the managers of this splendid minstrel, and its appearance before a Gainesville house is always looked forward to with pleasant anticipations by our people.

### SMITH THE JEWELER.

Jewelry, Crockery, Glass and China.  
Shoe Department.

One cannot go in the jewelry and shoe store of L. C. Smith, this city, without feeling as though he was in an establishment situated in a larger city than we claim to have. On the ground floor are watches, clocks, all kinds of jewelry, table ware, pocket cutlery, writing pens, umbrellas, shoes, etc., from as cheap as one could wish to as costly as should be desired.

On the second floor is one of the complete stock of fine cut glass and China ware ever exhibited in this city. It fairly dazzles the eye. And in all departments are accomplished and affable young ladies, ever ready to serve purchasers with the most perfect delicacy, and to show to prospective purchasers goods in a manner most pleasing to the most refined.

To our many country subscribers—as well as those in the cities and towns—we can say without hesitation, that it is not only unnecessary, but a reflection upon your own judgment for you to go to Jacksonville or other larger cities than Gainesville, to buy Christmas, wedding, or birthday gifts. If you wish to purchase a nice gift for a friend, get it at Smith's. And if you are not ready to buy, go in and see his stock the first time you come to Gainesville, so that when you get ready to buy a gift for your father, mother, brother, sister, sweetheart, or somebody else's brother or sister, or something nice for yourself, you will know where to go for what you want.

### Refused Machinery.

The board of county commissioners, at the meeting Tuesday, decided to refuse to accept the much talked about good roads machinery.

This decision was not reached until after the machinery had been thoroughly tested in the presence of the commissioners and others, and all were convinced that it would not do the work for which it was wanted, and which had been claimed for it.

The failure of the machine to fill the bill will be regretted by good roads advocates in the county, but since it has proven a failure the people will endorse the action of the commissioners in refusing to accept it.

### Mr. Cheeves Appointed.

Governor Jennings has honored the recent recommendation of the County Democratic Executive Committee, and appointed Deputy Sheriff M. S. Cheeves to be registration officer for Alachua county.

Mr. Cheeves has made his bond, and will have his commission within a few days.

He is an affable gentleman, thoroughly competent, and will, without doubt make not only a popular officer but an efficient one as well, and his numerous friends are congratulating him on the appointment.

### North Gainesville Notes.

Mr. Clayton Roth has been confined to his room for a week with grippe.

Mr. Ackley will leave soon for Tampa, where he contemplates locating permanently.

There was an enjoyable candy pull at the home of Mr. Jerry Freeze Tuesday evening, and all who attended had a real pleasant time.

Mr. A. O. Steenburg has returned from a six weeks stay in Cuba, and is enthusiastic in his praises of that island country. He says it is the best country on earth.

### Will Explain.

As some of our friends do not seem to understand our notice to customers in the matter of the Argo Portland Cement Co. of Chicago, which we had published in the city papers for several weeks, we would thank any customer who does not fully understand the matter to call at our store as soon as possible and let us explain in person, as the contract with the Argo company ends Jan. 1st, and all unsold pictures must be returned.

Respectfully,  
O'DONALD & SAUNDERS.

Gainesville, Dec. 4-2t.

### Howe's Shows.

Howe's Great London Shows exhibited in Gainesville Wednesday afternoon and night. The weather was very inclement, but the audiences—composed of all classes and conditions of people—were fairly sized ones.

The company carries some interesting animals, some trained horses, and has some men and women who are very good actors. The gentlemen managing the shows are clever fellows, and seem to be in for the proper thing.

### Assaulted Husband

Lucy Richardson, an old colored woman, was arrested last night and placed in the county jail, on the charge of assaulting her husband with a wooden picket. At first the man was thought to be dead, but he afterward revived. The woman will be tried before Justice Coleman this morning at 9 o'clock. Some think the woman is bad, while others think she is more or less crazy.

## VETERANS WILL HAVE BARBECUE

Will Be in Gainesville January 19  
—Committee Appointed.

### WILL UNVEIL MONUMENT.

Delegates to St. Augustine Appointed—Veterans and Sons and Daughters of Vets.

A meeting of the Confederate veterans of St. Augustine Camp was held at the office of Judge Mason in this city on Tuesday afternoon last, with Judge Horatio Davis, the commander of the camp, presiding.

The objects of the meeting were declared to be the appointment of delegates to the annual encampment to be held at St. Augustine on the 5th, 6th and 7th of this month, and to decide whether or not a barbecue should be given in Gainesville on the 19th day of January next, when the Confederate monument erected by Kirby Smith Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy is to be unveiled. The following delegates to St. Augustine were appointed and authority given to each of such delegates to appoint an alternate if he himself were unable to attend: J. F. Donaldson, J. M. Spivey, J. R. Zetrouer, F. T. Baker, W. M. Blitch, J. S. Dupuis, E. C. Chitty, Elias Thomas, T. M. Venable, J. S. Bailey and S. L. Blanton.

It was unanimously decided to have a barbecue and the following committee was appointed to solicit subscriptions on provisions or money: D. L. Branning, L. W. Jackson, John T. Fleming, R. B. Weeks, J. W. Fennell, Jas. Chesnut, J. C. McGrew, and T. B. Ellis, and Dr. J. F. McKinsty, Jr., W. S. Broome and Evans Haile, sons of Confederate veterans, were requested to assist such committee in its work.

On motion the chair appointed J. A. Carlisle, Joseph Shannon and T. L. Boulware a special committee to take charge of the preparation of such barbecue.

The Stonewall Camp of Confederate Veterans is one of the largest and most flourishing in the State, and at this particular meeting, unveiling and barbecue, many Veterans and Daughters, sons and daughters of Veterans, and other friends and admirers of the noble heroes of the "lost cause" are expected to be present.

### The Coffin Company.

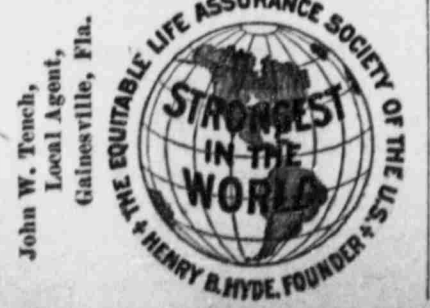
In today's Star will be found a nice display advertisement of the Gainesville Planning and Coffin Company. This company is now ready to furnish any kind of lumber building material, including framing, siding, flooring, ceiling and moldings. They have new, first-class and thoroughly up-to-date machinery—some of the best in the State. They will soon be manufacturing coffins and can then supply the Florida trade so as to save money to the purchaser. The enterprise is backed by capital and experience, and is one of which Gainesville feels proud. Manager I. M. Riles is an affable gentleman, and a hustler when it comes to business. Our readers should keep an eye on their advertisement as it continues to appear in The Star.



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The first exhibition of the famous Copley prints at our Studios. World's Fair Gold Medal award.  
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Studios 11 and 12, Miller Law Exchange, up stairs.  
Gainesville, Fla.

If your hair is becoming thin try Giddings' Unparalleled Hair Grower. For sale by Dr. S. B. Giddings, Gainesville, and the Postoffice Drug and J. A. Stephens, Store, High Springs.



### The Very First American Coin.

The very earliest coinage that can properly be said to be "strictly American" was ordered by the original Virginia company in the year 1612, only five years after the founding of Jamestown. These coins were minted at Somers Islands, now known as the Bermudas. For a period of more than a quarter of a century after this, however, tobacco and beaver skins were reckoned as lawful currency. In 1645 the assembly of Virginia met and declared that it "had maturely weighed and considered how advantageous a quoin (coin) would be to this colony, and how much better it would be than a sole dependency upon tobacco and pelts." After this they provided for the coinage of copper coins of the denominations of twopence, threepence, sixpence and ninepence, but this resolution was never carried into effect. The first coinage in America proper was the series of coins "struck" at Boston under the order of the general court of Massachusetts in May 27, 1652, the coins being three, six and twelve pence denominations, "in former mint and stamped on one side with the letters 'N. E.' and on the other the value of the piece."

### Laughter as a Moral Power.

Is laughter immoral? That is a very important objection urged against comedy from generation to generation. It is not only not immoral, but it is the preservation of morals to cultivate by a faculty for all sorts of laughter. It is the indication of prevalent evil which drives men to despair. Now, evil always seems to be prevalent when you scrutinize it, for scrutiny involves continued attention to what lies immediately under the lens in the focused light. Being wherever we see, we cannot but affirm—it to be everywhere. But were it really everywhere you and I could not be here to express such an opinion. Clearly the thing to do then is to belittle the evil by fair means and foul, to undignify it and so rob it of its horrors that we shall not lose wits or heart. By laughing at the evil we get rid of the false impression of its omnipotence, we get a little courage, and our despair turns a somersault up into glory from the swinging trapeze of faith.—International Quarterly.

### The First Wedding Ring.

The wedding ring, according to Henry Swinburne of the seventeenth century, was first designed by Prometheus and fashioned out of adamant and iron by Tubal Cain. He says that it was "given by Adam to his son to this end—that therewith he should espouse a wife." Men were, as all women know, deceivers ever, and some of these unscrupulous creatures were wont to wed with rings made of rushes, imagining them to be less binding than a strong and valuable ring. The bishop of Salisbury, however, stepped in and forbade this practice in 1217.

Silver was more frequently used than gold for wedding rings, and they were made in all kinds of shapes, some twisted, like two joined hands, or a pair of hearts stuck together with an arrow. Often they were adorned with precious stones and had "poesies"—that is, scraps of verse—inside, such as: Fortune doth send you, hap it well or ill, This plain gold ring to wed you to your will.

### Little Sister's Rejoinder.

Out in the east end is a young woman whose little sister is much inclined to ask numerous questions and though she is sometimes a little slow about understanding things in general, she is as quick to see a point as most little girls of six. The other day Little Sister asked Big Sister the direction to the home of a new acquaintance. Big Sister tried her best to make the way plain to no avail, and finally becoming exasperated, exclaimed: "Oh, follow your nose, Nan, and you will finally find the place."

"Well, if you ever follow your nose," came the quick retort, "you will go up, and up, and up, and be an angel by and by, which you're not now."

Which reference to a nose inclined to be pug ended the controversy.—Pittsburg Gazette.

### The First "Lady in Trade."

Perhaps the most notable instance on record of the feminine street trader is that of the "White Widow," otherwise the Duchess of Tycoonell, the Frances Jennings of the De Grammont memoirs, who, at the time of the revolution in 1688, according to Horace Walpole, "being reduced to absolute want on her arrival in England and unable for some time to procure secret access to her family, hired one of the stalls under the Royal Exchange and maintained herself by the sale of small articles of haberdashery. She wore a white dress wrapping her whole person and a white mask, which she never removed, and excited much interest and curiosity."—London Chronicle.

### Try Pagan's market for best meats.

A. S. Wilkerson, a Windsor merchant, was in the city Wednesday.

Have your clothing cleaned at Owen Lloyd's Dye Works. July 14, if James Fowler, of Fowler & Son, London, was in the city Wednesday.

Col. J. W. Patton has been on a surveying expedition in Levy county.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fowler of Lennon, attended the show here Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. McKinney of Rex, were in the city shopping yesterday.

Among the visitors to the city Tuesday were Mr. and Mrs. Fay of Bellamy.

Capt. V. J. Herlong, was in the city Tuesday from his sawmill at Bellamy.

Monroe Venable, the Kanapala mill man, was a business visitor to the city Tuesday.

Deputy Sheriff and Mrs. F. S. Curl, were in the city Wednesday from their home at Archer.

Deputy Sheriff J. B. Kennard and E. W. Milligan, of Waldo, were visitors to Gainesville Wednesday.

Mr. Madison Shaw, a prosperous young farmer of near Ward City, was a business visitor to the city Wednesday.

Hon. R. B. Weeks, chairman of the county school board, was in the city yesterday from his home at Hawthorn.

Hon. T. A. Duke, member of the school board, was in the city Tuesday from his magnificent home at Santa Fe.

Mr. McLeod, naval stores operator at Call, in Lafayette county, was transacting business here Wednesday and Thursday.

If you want money to buy or build a home, pay off mortgage, or control some profitable investment see Movers.

Rev. D. A. Cole, presiding elder of the Gainesville District, held a quarterly meeting here at the Methodist church Monday.

If it is job printing you want just send your order to the Star. It will have prompt attention, and work and prices will suit you.

County Commissioners Johnson of Hope, Dampier of Hague, and Ramsey of Wauchusa, attended the meeting of the commissioners here Tuesday.

In our jewelry department, we have a splendid line of stylish and serviceable pocketbooks, wrist bags and chateleine bags. L. C. Smith.

Rev. V. A. Herlong, of Columbia county, passed through the city Wednesday, enroute to Bellamy, where he went to visit his son, Capt. V. J. Herlong.

Giddings' Hair Grower does the work. For Sale by Dr. S. B. Giddings, Gainesville, and the Postoffice Drug Store and J. A. Stephens, High Springs, Fla.

J. A. King, member of the County Democratic Executive Committee from Orange Heights, was among the prominent visitors to Gainesville Tuesday.

C. H. Crisman of Micanopy, and E. B. Godwin of High Springs, are authorized to take subscriptions and collect for the same for The Star. See them about it.

Don't run yourself to death trying to find a buyer or renter for what you have, but advertise it in The Star. If you don't want a large ad, try a local reader. It won't cost much—try it.

Wanted—A few incubators and brooders. Address P. O. Box No. 50, Wade, Fla., stating name of manufacturer, size of machine, condition and price wanted.

The "Helping Hands" of the Presbyterian church, will hold a bazaar at the opera house tonight. Everybody is invited to go and patronize the entertainment, which is for a good cause.

Bring us your cotton, and price our goods. If you can do better elsewhere than with us, no harm done, but give us a trial. G. W. Easterlin & Co., High Springs, Fla.

Attention is directed to the change in W. R. Thomas' ad. in this paper. See his ad., and when you want to buy horses, mules, vehicles, harness, etc., or when you want to hire good teams, call at Thomas' stables.

Did you say you needed a set of dishes? Well come in, and see our complete line of china, in our china department, second floor. Our prices are lower than the lowest. L. C. Smith.

If you would like a good twice-a-week paper for a dollar a year, and can't come to town soon, just send the dollar and your name by mail. The mails are very trustworthy, and if we get the dollar we will place it to your credit on our subscription book and send you the paper a year.

Visit our shoe department, and see our fine line of ladies shoes, just received. And it will pay you to examine our line of men's and children's shoes. We have the most complete line in the city. L. C. Smith.

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Gainesville, Florida.

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### ADMINISTRATRIX'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that I, as administratrix of the estate of J. D. Cromwell, deceased, will apply to Hon. H. G. Mason, County Judge of Alachua county, Florida, on the 8th day of December, 1903, at ten o'clock a. m. of said day, at his office in the court house in Gainesville, Florida, for the authority to sell at private sale all the right, title and interest of Fletcher Cromwell in and to the following described lands situated in Alachua county, Florida, to-wit: The west half of Block 6, Brown's addition to the town of Gainesville, Florida, and which lies in and is a part of the north west quarter of section 5 in township 10, range 20.

DORA T. CROMWELL,  
Administratrix of the Estate of J. D. Cromwell, deceased.

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